PATENT APPLICATION

THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

April 6, 2004

Applicant(s): Melf HANSEN, et al.

Title : PROTECTIVE DEVICE FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE

Serial No. : 10/629 166 Group: 3612

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- [] The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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For	Filed	Extra	LG Entity		SM Entity	Fee	<u> </u>
Basic Fee			\$770.00		\$385.00		\$
Total Claims	(18 - 2	20 = 0	x \$ 18.00		x \$ 9.00		
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[] Multiple De	p. Clain	n	+ \$290.00		+ \$145.00		
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *						\$	0.00

- [] Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by month(s). The extension fee is: \$.
- [] A Check for \$ is enclosed to cover fees.
- [X] Please credit any overpayment, or charge any additional filing fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 by this communication, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2004, Applicants respond as follows:

(Please see following pages.)

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